(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Complaints by MPs and ex-MPs concerning drugs/medicines

302. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many letters his Ministry have received from Members of Parliament and ex-Members of Parliament concerning drug/medicines issues and complaints against certain officials in his Ministry from 1st January, 1990 to 30th June, 1991;

(b) what are the details of main issues raised and what action has been taken; and

(c) how many communications are still pending to be replied and by when these replies would be sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) During the period from 1st January, 1990 to 30th June, 1991 large number of letters have been received from Members and ex-Members of Parliament regarding wide ranging issues relating to drugs/ medicines as well as some complaints against certain officials.

(b) These issues include criteria adopted for exclusion/inclusion of drugs under price control, pricing of drugs, dereservation of public sector items, fixing stages of PMP, recoveries against drug companies etc. Many of these issues are under examination and also under the consideration of the Standing Committee constituted for reviewing issues related to implementation of DPCO.

(c) A large number of issues are linked to the ongoing review of DPCO and are still under examination. Replies to Members of Parliament will be furnished once the examination is concluded.

Formulations marketing by Glaxo

303. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts in different packs being marketed by M/s. Glaxo;

(b) what was the number of packs sold during 12th May, 1981 to 25th August, 1987 of each;

(c) what was the price enjoyed by the company on each pack of each product by virtue of Court's order;

(d) what was the price of each medicine based on the bulk drug price fixed on 20th November, 1986 along with other parameters allowed while assessing the liability under DPEA;

(e) what is the amount assessed in each pack overcharged from the public; and

(f) what were the prices fixed for Betamethasone and its salts from 1981 to 1991 date-wise and what were the prices recommended by BICP each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) Based on data relating to bulk drugs and formulations furnished by the company itself, a tentative liability of Rs. 71.72 crores was communicated to the company. However, the Company has filed a petition in the Delhi High Court and the matter is, therefore, *sub-judice*.

Foreign visits by former development Commissioner (PI)

304. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: